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SUBJECT: OECD AD HOC MEETING ON COOPERATIVE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, SEP 13-14, 1976

1. SUMMARY: OECD AGRICULTURE DIRECTOR SIMANTOV
CHAired MEETING ATTENDED BY DELS FROM 19 COUNTRIES AND
EC. ORGANIZATIONAL AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF PROJECT
WERE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED. CONSENSUS DEVELOPED THAT
COUNTRIES SHOULD ADHERE TO PROJECT AS A WHOLE REGARD-
LESS OF WHETHER ANY ONE COUNTRY PARTICIPATED IN ONE,
SEVERAL, OR ALL FOUR OF THE "SUBPROJECTS" -
N-FIXATION, EFFICIENCY OF PHOTOSYNTHESIS, UTILIZATION OF
CARBOHYDRATES WASTES, AND MYCOTOXINS. MEETING
INSTRUCTED SECRETARIAT (SIMANTOV) TO PREPARE A PART 2
BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR CY 1977 WITH A F700,000-800,000
BUDGET. THAT PROPOSAL SHOULD GO TO BUDGET COMMITTEE
AND COUNCIL UNLESS, UPON ITS ADVANCE CIRCULATION, THERE
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WAS DEMAND FOR ANOTHER AD HOC MEETING.

2. REGARDING ORGANIZATION OF THE PROJECT, BASED ON INTERVENTIONS OF US DEL (EDMINSTER) PREPONDERANT VIEW DEVELOPED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A "STEERING COMMITTEE" OF SEVEN MEMBERS; FOUR OF THESE WOULD BE SCIENTISTS AND THREE RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS. THERE WOULD ALSO BE A "GOVERNING BODY" COMPOSED OF ONE DELEGATE FROM EACH COUNTRY PARTICIPATING IN THIS PART 2 BUDGET ACTIVITY. PROGRESS AND INFORMATION REPORTS WOULD BE MADE TO AND COMMENTS INVITED FROM, THE TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, THE COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE AND POSSIBLY OTHER INTERESTED OECD BODIES. A STEERING COMMITTEE SUBGROUP ON FELLOWSHIPS WAS ALSO MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORGANIZATION AND THE BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT.

3. IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ANNEX TO AGR(76)12, THERE WAS IMMEDIATE CONSENSUS THAT RESEARCH CONFERENCES AND FELLOWSHIPS WOULD NOT GET UNDERWAY BEFORE 1978. THE FF 1,341,000 1977 BUDGET PROPOSED IN AGR(76)12 WAS SLASHED TO FF 800,000 BY HALVING OUTLAY FOR CONSULTANTS TO FF 140,000, REDUCING STAFF FROM FF 683,000 TO 450,000 (I.E. FROM 5 TO 3 PEOPLE) AND ALLOWING ONLY FF 210,000 FOR MEETING AND ALLIED EXPENSES.

4. GERMAN DEL (DR. SPIEKER) DECLARED FRG WOULD CONTRIBUTE SERVICES TO THE PROJECT IN 1977 BUT MAKE NO PAYMENT AND JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, AND DENMARK STATED THEY COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN 1977 BUDGET. THEREUPON SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES FELT THEIR SHARE WAS BECOMING EXCESSIVE. FRENCH DEL (PERO) OFFERED A MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION OF FF 100,000 BUT DID NOT COMMENT LATER WHEN A FF 139,000 FRENCH SHARE WAS TABULATED. SPANISH DEL (PORRERRO) SAID SPAIN HAD BEEN PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE 2.44 PERCENT (SPANISH SHARE IN PART 1 BUDGET) OF FF 1,361,000, I.E. FF 33,208, BUT NOT 4.57 PERCENT (PRORATION OF 2.44 PERCENT AMONG PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS) OF FF 800,000. UK DEL (ULBRICHT) PRIVATELY TOLD US DEL IT WAS INEQUITABLE TO EXPECT UK TO CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN HALF OF US, I.E. UNCLASSIFIED

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FF 104,800 VS 200,000. US DEL (HIRSCH) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION WHETHER US COULD CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN 25 PERCENT, SAID ALTHOUGH HE COULD MAKE NO FORMAL COMMITMENT, HE SAW NO PROBLEM WITH 25 PERCENT OF FF 700,000-800,000; GOING ABOVE 25 PERCENT, HOWEVER, WOULD AT BEST BE DIFFICULT AND MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE. HE INVITED TEMPORARY FLEXIBILITY IN LIGHT OF GERMAN PROBLEM, I.E. TEMPORARY RECOGNITION OF PAYMENT IN KIND (CONSULTANTS'

SERVICES). HE REPEATED US DEL EDMINSTER'S ADVICE TO
START WITH A STAFF OF ONE PROFESSIONAL PLUS ONE
SECRETARY AND ANALYZE STAFF NEEDS A YEAR FROM NOW.
WITH THESE SUGGESTIONS THE PROBLEM OF SPAIN AND
COUNTRIES IN SIMILAR SITUATION COULD EASILY BE SOLVED,
I.E. SPAIN'S FF 33,208 WOULD BE 4.57 PERCENT OF A
FF 727,000 BUDGET. THERE WAS ALSO DISCUSSION OF THE
PROPOSITION OF PRESENTING A TEN-MONTH BUDGET PROPOSAL

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AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF FF 800,000, I.E. FF 667,000;
BUT THE CHAIR DID NOT RULE ON THESE SUGGESTIONS BUT
ANNOUNCED BEFORE ADJOURNMENT THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAD
INDICATED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING THUS IMPLYING
SOME SLIGHT BUDGETARY RELIEF FOR OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. COUNTRIES WERE INVITED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE
SECRETARIAT REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION. US WAS
ASKED TO STATE WHETHER IT COULD CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN

25 PERCENT OF BUDGET. SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE A BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 1977 ONLY AND WILL SOON CIRCULATE IT AMONG DELEGATIONS AND, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, AMONG THOSE PRESENT. NO NEED FOR ANOTHER AD HOC GROUP MEETING ANTICIPATED. HOWEVER SUCH A MEETING CAN BE CONVENED ON DEMAND. WITHOUT SUCH DEMAND, BUDGET PROPOSAL WILL GO BEFORE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL. COUNCIL ACTION WOULD BE EXPECTED BEFORE END OF YEAR. IF POSITIVE, GOVERNING BODY COULD BE CONVENED IN FEBRUARY.

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